

Vice-Mayor Joe Martin called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 6, 2011. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Cox, Elston, Marley, and Sotelo. Absent: Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Manager Scott Shumard, Management Intern Hadley Skeffington-Vos, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Interim Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mary Carlson, 2004 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated that the grass in the back yard of 2008 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue has not been mowed all season and the house is open to the elements and the neighborhood. The house has been a problem for nine years and has been vacant for the last two.

Mary Carlson also expressed concern about the Recycle Bank program. She did not realize that she should have had points and Recycle Bank informed her that she should let them know within 30 days if there is a problem. Carlson stated she did not know there was a problem with the recording of her points until she talked with her neighbors. Manager Shumard will look into this situation.

Alderman Cox made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- 1) City Council Minutes of May 16, 2011
- 2) Bills and Payroll totaling \$804,787.73
- 3) Petition to allow the American Legion Auxiliary to solicit funds and distribute poppies at the intersections of First Avenue/Third Street, Second Avenue/Second Street and Second Avenue/Fourth Street on Saturday, June 11 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 4) Petition to allow Sterling Optimist Club to hold a bucket brigade fundraiser on Saturday, July 16 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the intersections of Second Street/Second Avenue, Fourth Street/Second Avenue and Locust/Third Street

The motion was seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the reappoints of John Van Osdol and Jim Say to the Hospital Board as recommended by Mayor Lee for five year terms; seconded by Alderman Marley. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to pass the proclamation declaring June 18 as the official Juneteenth Celebration; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Sotelo made a motion to authorize Mayor Lee to enter into the Agreement for Construction Engineering Services with Willett, Hofmann & Associate, Inc. for the West Third Street reconstruction project, IDOT Job Number C92-063-10, not to exceed \$47,000; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Marley made a motion to authorize Mayor Lee to enter into An Intergovernmental Agreement for Governmental Body Maintenance of Traffic Control Devices with IDOT beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2021; seconded by Alderman Elston. Alderman Cox asked why the City pays 50% of maintenance when the lights belong to IDOT. Manager Shumard stated the City has no choice. We pay 50% maintenance for lights on the state routes, unless the intersection is with another state route, then IDOT covers all the maintenance. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to award the bid for the 2011 Street Project-Contract #2 (Lynn Boulevard-Phase II culvert installation) to Northwest Illinois Construction in the amount of \$21,747.59; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Manager Shumard reported that Lynn Boulevard will be closed for two weeks to accommodate the culvert installation. This is the beginning of the detention pond work at Lynn Boulevard and Sixth Avenue. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Marley made a motion to award the bid for the 2011 Street Project Contract #3 to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$192,627.10; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. The following streets are included in Contract #3:

- East 12<sup>th</sup> Street from Sixth Avenue to Eighth Avenue
- West Second Street from Avenue A to Locust
- Avenue C from West 13<sup>th</sup> Street to 15<sup>th</sup> Street
- Wilson Avenue from Seventh Street to Tenth Street
- Park Drive from Asbury to the cul-de-sac
- Two alleys - both paid for privately to be resurfaced

Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Sotelo made a motion to waive the bidding procedure and authorize the purchase of a 2012 International 7400 SFA 4x2 Diesel Cab and Chassis in the amount of \$63,522.36; seconded by Alderman Elston. Manager Shumard noted that the interest rates are being researched to finance this purchase. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Marley made a motion to approve Partial Pay Request #1 to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$71,443.82 for the 2011 Street Project Contract #1; seconded by Alderman Elston. Alderman Cox asked why the original bid and change order does not add up to the total amount. Manager Shumard stated that quantities were changed and the change order includes ADA requirements to the parking lot. Alderman Cox felt the engineer should have had that figured in the original bid. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Marley, Sotelo and Vice-Mayor Martin. Nays – Alderman Cox. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amending Article VI, Section 2-378(a)(4) to read five and one-half percent for holiday pay for police telecommunicators until such time that staff and the Council feel a further increase is warranted; seconded by Alderman Marley. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Sotelo made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2011-06-12 Adopting the FY 2011-2012 Employee Compensation and Classification Plan**, effective June 15, 2011; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Attorney Coplan reported on the status of M & D's Sports Bar and Grill. Sterling's Liquor Commission suspended the liquor license for 30 days. M & D's appealed to the State Liquor Control Commission. The hearing was to take place next week in Chicago. M & D's attorney has recommended resolving the case prior to the hearing. M & D's has served 10 days of the suspension. Attorney Coplan and two police officers would need to travel to Chicago for the day. Coplan and the officers would present the video surveillance of the knifing. The individual being charged with the stabbing is also under age which is a violation of the City's code. The victim is also a witness in the criminal hearing. M & D's attorney has raised questions if the knifing took place in the establishment or if it was self-defense. M & D's attorney has advised they will withdraw the appeal to the state if the City settles for the 10 day suspension that has already been served. This suspension will be considered in future offenses. M & D's attorney understands the issues with the establishment and will consult with his client.

Manager Shumard reported seal coat projects will be bid in July. Upon completion, 22 blocks of streets will be upgraded. If bids are reasonable, we may possibly do more streets in the fall. Vern Gottel has purchased a new pavement rating system that integrates with the GIS maps. Parking lots and on-street parking spaces are being upgraded to ADA requirements. Next riverfront meeting will be on Thursday, June 23 at 6:00 pm at the Woodlawn Arts Academy to review the draft plan with a question and answer session. Manager Shumard introduced Hadley Skeffington-Vos, the Management Intern.

Alderman Elston asked about the status of the website. Manager Shumard reported the website designer is waiting on further input from the City.

Alderman Cox noted that New Life Lutheran Church is moving dirt on Lynn Boulevard but was surprised that Ybarra had not started on the sports complex. Attorney Coplan stated that Ybarra is completing the engineering study because he didn't want to move forward with the expense until everything was approved.

Vice-Mayor Martin thanked everyone for their participation in the Memorial Day celebration. He also reminded the public that Municipal Band Concerts start on Wednesday.

Alderman Sotelo made a motion to adjourn to a closed session at 7:17 p.m. to discuss purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body as provided for under 5ILCS 120/2 and collective bargaining as covered under subsection (2) of 5ILCS 120/2(c); seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Sotelo made a motion to reconvene the open meeting at 7:31 p.m.; seconded by Alderman Cox. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Cox made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Marie Rombouts  
City Clerk